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(Jackson, MS) – Ceremonial bill signings were held today for four new laws passed during the 2002 legislative session. Governor Ronnie Musgrove held the bill-signing ceremony in his Capitol office.

“These bills are the result of hard work and a shared commitment to making Mississippi a better place to live,” Musgrove said. “They are good for the people and the business of this state.”

Musgrove signed the following bills:

- Senate Bill 2942, which sentences first-time traffic violators to a safe-driving school;
- Senate Bill 2367, requiring meat sold in Mississippi to carry a label declaring the country of origin;
- Senate Bill 2507, revising the licensing requirements for real estate brokers;
- House Bill 263, providing enhanced penalties for manufacturing crystal methamphetamine in the presence of children.

Mississippi is the first state in the nation increase penalties for drug manufacturing with children present.

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